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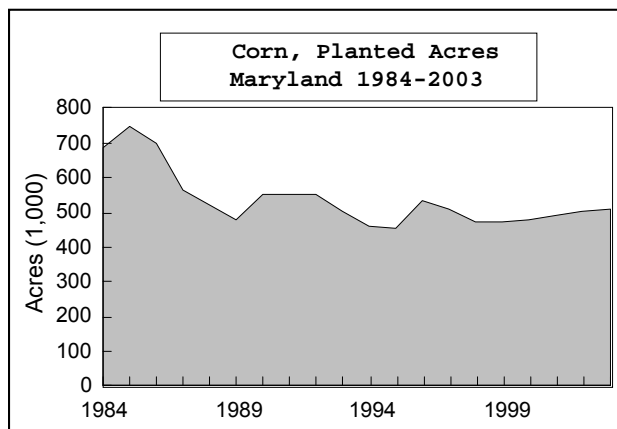
This Prospective Plantings Report is the results of the March Agricultural Survey. We wish to thank the approximately 650 farmers who helped to make this report possible

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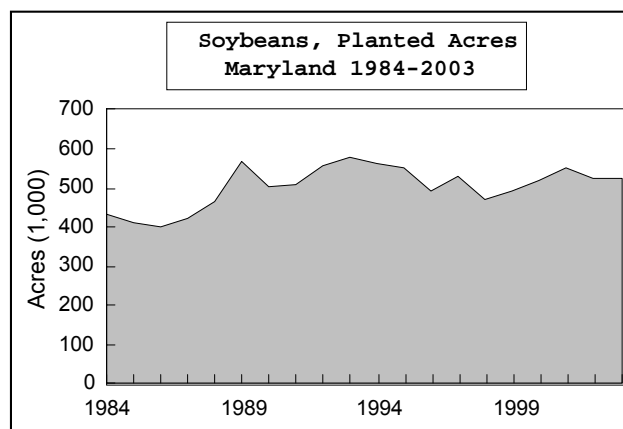
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Maryland: Acres planted for **corn** is forecast at 510,000 acres for the 2003 crop year, the same amount as last year's final estimate of 510,000 acres, and 4 percent from 2000's final estimate of 490,000 acres. The last two years have been banner years with 510,000 acres of corn planted. Maryland producers intend to plant 480,000 of soybeans, down 2 percent from 2001's and 8% from 2000's final estimate of 520,000 acres. The five year average for soybean planting totals 500,000 acres. The banner year for soybeans in the last eight years was in 1997 when 530,000 acres were planted.



For small grains, **winter wheat** planting is estimated at 165,000 acres, up 10% from the December seeding forecast and down 15% from last year. **Barley** planted acreage is estimated at 45,000 acres, down 18% from last year. For the 2002 crop year, **sorghum** planting intentions are forecast at 6,000 acres, 20% increase from last year's estimate of 5,000 acres.

Maryland **tobacco** acreage is forecast at 1,500 acres, down about 12 percent from the 2002 estimate of 1,700. All **hay** harvested acres are forecast at 210,000, down 5% from last year's final estimate of 220,000 acres.



ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2002 AND 2003

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Maryland		<i>1,000 Acres</i>						<i>1,000</i>	
Corn ¹	ACR	510	500	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Grain	BU	---	---	425	---	76	---	32,300	---
Corn Silage	TON	---	---	80	---	12	---	960	---
Soybeans	BU	490	480	470	---	23	---	10,810	---
Sorghum ¹	BU	5	6	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum Grain	BU	---	---	4	---	47	---	188	---
Sorghum Silage	TON	---	---	1	---	11	---	11	---
Winter Wheat	BU	195	165	180	---	66	---	11,880	---
Barley	BU	45	45	41	---	82	---	3,362	---
All Hay	TON	---	---	220	210	2.3	---	508	---
Alfalfa Hay	TON	---	---	60	---	2.6	---	156	---
Other Hay	TON	---	---	160	---	2.2	---	352	---
Tobacco	LBS	---	---	1.7	1.5	1,400	---	2,380	---
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.8	---	4.7	---	250	---	1,175	---
United States									
Corn ¹	ACR	79,054	79,022	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Grain	BU	---	---	69,313	---	130	---	9,008	---
Corn Silage	TON	---	---	7,490	---	14	---	105	---
Soybeans	BU	73,758	73,182	72,160	---	37.8	---	2,730	---
Sorghum ¹	BU	9,580	9,451	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum Grain	BU	---	---	7,299	---	50.7	---	370	---
Sorghum Silage	TON	---	---	352	---	9.5	---	3	---
Wheat, Winter	BU	41,735	44,308	29,651	---	39	---	1,143	---
Barley	BU	5,073	5,379	4,135	---	55	---	227	---
All Hay	TON	---	---	64,497	63,552	2.00	---	151	---
Alfalfa Hay	TON	---	---	23,135	---	3.19	---	74	---
Other Hay	TON	---	---	41,362	---	1.86	---	77	---
Tobacco	LBS	---	---	430.3	417.5	2,068	---	890	---
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	63.0	---	59.9	---	309	---	18	---

¹ Acres planted is for all purposes.

GRAIN STOCKS

U.S. **Corn** stocks in all positions on March 1, 2003 totaled 5.13 billion bushels, down 11 percent from March 1, 2002. Of the total stocks, 2.94 billion bushels were stored on farms, down 12 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 2.19 billion bushels, are down 10 percent from the previous year. The December 2002-February 2003 indicated disappearance is 2.51 billion bushels, compared with 2.47 billion bushels during the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2003 totaled 905 million bushels, down 25 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 233 million bushels, down 31 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 672 million bushels, are down 23 percent from a year ago. The indicated December 2002 - February 2003 quarter disappearance is 415 million bushels, up slightly percent from the same period a year earlier.

Soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2003 totaled

1.20 billion bushels, down 10 percent from March 1, 2002. On-farm stocks, at 636 million bushels, were down 7 percent from the same period a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 566 million bushels, are down 13 percent from a year ago.

Indicated disappearance for the December 2002-February 2003 quarter totaled 912 million bushels, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Barley stocks in all positions on March 1, 2003 totaled 124 million bushels, down 13 percent from March 1, 2002. On-farm stocks are estimated at 36.7 million bushels, 20 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 86.8 million bushels, are 9 percent below March 2002. Indicated disappearance during the December 2002-February 2003 quarter totaled 46.5 million bushels, down 13 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Grain Stocks, March 1, 2002 and 2003 Maryland, and United States					
STATE	March 1, 2002		March 1, 2003		2003/2002
	OFF FARMS ¹	TOTAL ALL	OFF FARMS	TOTAL ALL	ALL
		POSITIONS		POSITIONS	POSITIONS
	-----1,000 BUSHELS-----				Percent
CORN					
MD	13,981	*	11,287	*	---
US	2,440,263	5,795,263	2,192,318	5,132,318	89
ALL WHEAT					
MD	2,633	*	1,769	*	---
US	871,268	1,209,768	671,667	904,867	90
SOYBEANS					
MD	*	*	*	*	---
US	648,987	1,335,987	566,308	1,201,808	90
BARLEY					
MD	460	*	1,029	*	---
US	95,748	141,748	86,783	123,513	87
OATS					
MD	*	*	10	10	---
US	53,158	93,358	47,438	82,438	88
SORGHUM					
MD	*	*	*	*	---
US	156,007	194,107	135,312	162,812	84

*Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

MAY RELEASE CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2 Poultry Slaughter
5 Crop Progress	6	7 Broiler Hatchery	8	9
12 Crop Production Crop Progress	13 Turkey Hatchery	14 Agricultural Chemical Usage- Field Crops Broiler Hatchery	15	16 Farm Labor Milk Production
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